

The decision of the Sinclair Broadcasting Company to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The public airwaves are used by Sinclair free of charge, and should be obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is not in the public interest to have free campaign rhetoric shown on mass media. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.